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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BONGO'S VISIT TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA

REF: YAOUNDE 2676; LIBREVILLE 903

1. PRESIDENT BONGO DEPARTED LIBREVILLE SEPTEMBER 9 FOR  
FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA DESCRIBED HERE  
AS RECIPROCATING JULY 13 VISIT OF PRESIDENT MACIAS TO GABON.

2. BRIEF EDITORIAL IN SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY GABON MATIN  
SEPTEMBER 9 FURTHER CHARACTERIZED VISIT AS PROVING GABON'S  
"FIRM DESIRE TO UNITE ALL THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA." EDITORIAL  
CONTINUED NOTING THE LONG STANDING DISCUSSIONS ON OWNERSHIP  
OF OFFSHORE BORDER ISLANDS AND FACT TWO COUNTRIES HAD ALMOST HAD  
CLASH OF ARMS. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED ON HOPEFUL NOTE THAT BONGO  
VISIT WILL PERMIT PEOPLE OF GABON AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA TO KNOW  
EACH OTHER BETTER AND WILL BURY THE PAST THROUGH BETTER  
COOPERATION.

3. COMMENT: CURRENT ON AND OFFSHORE BORDER SQUABBLES BETWEEN  
TWO COUNTRIES WILL OBVIOUSLY BE TOP PRIORITY ITEMS FOR DIS-  
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CUSSION DURING BONGO VISIT. NEWLY ARRIVED SPANISH

AMBASSADOR ZULANCA, WHO WAS AT LIBREVILLE AIRPORT WITH REST OF  
DIPLOMATIC CORPS FOR BONGO DEPARTURE, COMMENTED TO CHARGE THAT  
LITTLE WOULD COME OUT OF VISIT BUT DECLINED TO ELABORATE.  
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